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SUBJ: US-JAPAN AGREEMENT ON ENERGY R AND D

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1. KATAKURA, DEPUTY DIR OF INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES DIV OF FONOFF, INFORMED EMBASSY SEPT 6 THAT FONOFF HAD THREE QUESTIONS THAT IT WOULD LIKE TO POSE FORMALLY TO DEPARTMENT REGARDING PROPOSED US-JAPAN AGREEMENT ON R & D. THESE ARE:

A. REGARDING ARTICLE 5 OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT, WHICH ORGANIZATION OF USG WOULD BE THE POINT OF COORDINATION? KATAKURA ADDED THAT BUREAUCRATIC CONFLICTS AS TO RESPONSIBLE AGENCY WITHIN GOJ HAD BROUGHT ABOUT DEMISE OF PROPOSED US-JAPAN ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, AND WAS CREATING PROBLEMS IN CONSIDERATION OF ENERGY R & D AGREEMENT. FONOFF THUS OBLIGED TO ASK FOR CLARIFICATION OF THIS POINT, EVEN THOUGH IT ASSUMES POINT OF COORDINATION IN US WILL BE STATE DEPARTMENT.

B. REGARDING ARTICLE III, FONOFF WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON THE EXTENT OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE U.S. OF ITEMS A THROUGH M. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT THIS WHAT AGREEMENT WAS INTENDED TO ACCOMPLISH I.E. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DATA ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. ALSO POINTED

OUT THIS WAS VERY LARGE ORDER WHICH COULD DELAY NEGOTIATIONS ON R & D AGREEMENT CONSIDERABLY. KATAKURA MAINTAINED HOWEVER FONOFF WANTS ONLY RELATIVELY BRIEF PAPERS ON TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN EACH AREA.

C. HAS USG ENTERED INTO SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES? IF SO, FONOFF WOULD APPRECIATE TEXTS OF THESE AGREEMENTS.

2. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT TO DATE CONSIDERATION WITHIN GOJ OF R & D AGREEMENT HAS BEEN MOSTLY WITHIN THREE MAIN INTERESTED AGENCIES (SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY; MITI; AND FONOFF), HOWEVER, SOME INTER-AGENCY MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD. USG ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS, ACCORDING KATAKURA, ARE INTENDED TO ENABLE FONOFF TO MAKE MOST EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION AT FULL INTER-AGENCY MEETINGS WHICH WILL FOLLOW AND TO ACCELERATE APPROVAL OF AN ENERGY R & D AGREEMENT WITHIN GOJ. SHOESMITH

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